



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of )  
John B. Putman, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/978,501 )  
Filed: October 16, 2001 )  
For: Method for Preparing a )  
Cut Surface in Uncured )  
Rubber Sampler for )  
Measuring Filler Dispersion )

Group Art Unit 2877

Gordon J. Stock, Jr., Examiner

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicants hereby request an extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), in order to file a response to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2003, within an additional month. A one month time extension would cause the response to be due on April 23, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed for the pertinent fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a); Applicants being a small entity.

This request is not interposed for purposes of delay, but is mandated by the schedules of the Applicants and their attorney. Accordingly, favorable action on this request is believed to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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